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Blind Industries and Services of Maryland originated in 1908 as the Maryland Workshop for the Blind (Chapter 566, Acts of 1908). It adopted its present name in 1973 (Chapter 164, Acts of 1973).

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland is a quasipublic, statewide agency that provides employment services, vocational training, rehabilitation, and education to blind and severely multi-handicapped blind Marylanders. Its general supervision and control are vested in eleven trustees appointed for three-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent.

The agency is open for the labor and manufactures of all blind citizens of Maryland over eighteen years of age who can give satisfactory evidence of character and ability to do the work required. All profits from the operation of blind industries are used to further the agency's usefulness. Blind Industries and Services of Maryland establishes and operates centers for the training, rehabilitation, and employment of the adult blind of Maryland. In addition, the agency teaches adult blind persons the day-to-day skills necessary to live in a sighted society (Code 1957, Art. 30, secs. 3-10, 30A).

To carry out these programs, Blind Industries and Services of Maryland operates four Divisions: Industries, Beverage Vending, Rehabilitation, and Services.

INDUSTRIES DIVISION

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The Industries Division provides meaningful employment to blind and severely multi-handicapped blind adults in the manufacturing of more than a hundred products for federal and state governments and commercial and private businesses. The Industries Division operates plants in Baltimore, Cumberland, and Salisbury.

BEVERAGE VENDING DIVISION

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Created in 1989, the Beverage Vending Division sells and services beverage vending machines throughout Maryland. The Division is opening up many nontraditional sales and service jobs for blind workers.

REHABILITATION DIVISION

Glenn DiChiera, Director

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The Rehabilitation Division provides free instruction in alternative techniques for blind people. Instruction covers communications, such as braille, typing, and computer training; independent cane travel; and activities of daily living, including management of the home, cooking, and finances.

SERVICES DIVISION Betty DeSimone, *Director*

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The Services Division provides assistance in community services, information and referral, and community outreach programs. Aids and appliances are sold at cost. Through the Rapid Braille Program, the Division produces braille for individuals, organizations, companies, and government for a nominal fee.

BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS

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The Board of State Canvassers was created in 1896 (Chapter 202, Acts of 1896).

Within thirty-five days after any State election, the Board meets to tabulate the votes cast for each candidate from the certified statements of votes made by the city and county boards of canvassers. The Board declares who is elected and delivers a certified determination of election results to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. Thereafter, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws issues the Declaration of Results of the election, keeps the records of the Board of State Canvassers, and delivers a copy of the Declaration